



CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Managers' Meeting
TO BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY

September 6: Labor Day--Administrative Offices and Public Works Closed

September 12: The Italian Cultural Society Event
(see article on page 6 for more information)

September 13: Board of Managers' Monthly Meeting

September 30: Many Hands Kick-Off Meeting
(see article on page 6 for more information)

October 11: Board of Managers' Monthly Meeting

October 16, 4-8 PM: Mark Your Calendars!
 Montgomery Parks Event at Western Grove Park, "Pumpkins & Pours" (Rain date: Oct. 17, 4-8 PM)

**October 2021 Appeal/Variance
 Deadline: Mon., Sept. 20 by 5:00 PM**

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AMAZON FRESH NOW OPEN!

The new *Amazon Fresh* at *The Collection Chevy Chase* opened in August. The store occupies the former Giant Food site at the south end of the shopping center (5463 Wisconsin Avenue). You do not have to be an Amazon Prime member to shop at the store and there are traditional cashiers to assist with checkout.

The store is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

To learn more about Amazon Fresh grocery store, including the Amazon Dash Cart, which allows customers to skip the checkout line, search **Amazon Fresh** in your web browser.

AMENDED PROTOCOLS FOR ENTERING THE VILLAGE HALL

On August 5, the Montgomery County Council, sitting as the Board of Health, approved a health regulation to re-institute mask/face covering requirements in all indoor public facilities in the county, which went into effect on August 7. This change followed Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance, which recommends masks/face coverings for all individuals—regardless of vaccination status—in areas that meet the threshold for “substantial or high transmission” (see Guidance for Implementing COVID-19 Prevention Strategies in the Context of Varying Community Transmission Levels and Vaccination Coverage | MMWR (cdc.gov)).

The below protocols for access to the Village Hall have been updated accordingly:

- The Village is following the county's guidance, which has opened government buildings with no access or social distancing requirements; however, ALL individuals entering indoor public spaces, including the Village Hall, are required to wear a mask/face covering per the Montgomery County Health Regulation that went into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, August 7, 2021.
- Private rentals are permitted to resume at full capacity, as well as classes (for adults) and organizational activities. All attendees and participants are required to wear a mask/face covering.
- Some administrative personnel are continuing to work a hybrid schedule. Residents are encouraged to call/email administrative personnel to ensure the staffer they seek is on-site.
- We continue to require online submission of all permit applications and electronic processing of all permits and plan reviews.

VILLAGE WELCOMES NEW PERMITTING & CODE ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR



Please join us in welcoming Ms. **Lora Reynaud** as our new Permitting & Code Enforcement Coordinator.

Lora grew up locally, then attended Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia. Choosing to remain in Georgia for a time, she worked for the state as an underwriter coordinator for housing

initiatives. After returning to Maryland, Lora served as a Covenants Administrator in Prince George's County, managing various architectural review processes.

In her free time, Lora enjoys reading, gardening, and trying her hand at new recipes. Prior to the pandemic, Lora was an avid volunteer with her church and looks forward to continuing community service projects. Please join us in welcoming Lora to the Village staff!

For matters related to permitting, Lora can be reached at: ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov

VILLAGE BOARD ADOPTS JUNETEENTH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY

At its meeting on July 12, the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers voted unanimously (of those in attendance) to adopt **Juneteenth National Independence Day** as a designated holiday for Village employees.

The Village joins federal, state, county and local governments across the country in adopting Juneteenth in recognition of both the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 and the notification of the last enslaved people in Galveston, Texas by General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865, that they were free, almost two and a half years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

With the adoption of Juneteenth, the Village now recognizes a total of ten holidays: New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth National Independence Day (June 19), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

SELECTING A TREE CARE CONTRACTOR

Summer storm season has arrived, or perhaps you are simply undertaking routine tree care maintenance.

Either way, residents are reminded that it is state law that all tree care professionals practicing in Maryland must be a Licensed Tree Expert (LTE) as regulated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Without a license, tree care contractors may not practice or advertise tree care services in the state.



Read about licensing requirements here: <https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/programapps/newtreeexpert.aspx>

Chevy Chase Village does not require a permit for routine pruning of trees to maintain the health of the tree, however, a Village Tree Removal Permit is required to remove trees that are at least 24 inches in circumference, measured at four and one half feet above the ground (or measured just below the split on multi-trunk trees) - see Chapter 17, the Urban Forest Code, for the complete regulations available on the Village website under "Charter, Code & Policies".

Proper routine pruning can help avoid storm damage. Help maintain the Village tree canopy by practicing good tree care and using Licensed Tree Experts.

SIGN UP FOR VILLAGE EMAIL BLAST(S)

The Village offers two email platforms for residents to receive information and important updates:

Urgent News Blast are emergency alerts that are sent on an as-needed basis. Such alerts include water main breaks, power outages, operations closures and public safety alerts.

General News Blast include community events, Board Meetings, news and information, etc., which are sent out weekly.

To subscribe, visit www.chevychasevillagemd.gov and click **Notify Me** on the homepage (look for the above image).

RESIDENTS SHOULD WORK WITH LANDSCAPERS TO OPERATE BLOWERS LEGALLY; BAN ON GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS GOES INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2022

A ban on the use of gas-powered leaf blowers will go into effect on January 1, 2022. The Village Board approved the ban in December 2019 citing the adverse environmental, human health (principally for the equipment operator) and quality of life impacts resulting from the use of gas-powered leaf blowers. These impacts were highlighted in a report from the Village's Environment & Energy Committee, dated August 15, 2019, which can be viewed on the committee's page on the Village website.



A reminder mailing will be sent to all Village households in mid-September. The mailing will contain information for residents and a card for residents to provide to their contractor containing the effective date of this ban and current regulations that apply through the end of the year and beyond.

As a reminder, residents and landscapers are cautioned that **all blowers operated within the Village remain subject to Montgomery County's Noise Ordinance.** The county's Noise Ordinance states that "a person must not...use a leaf blower at any time that has an average sound level exceeding 70 dBA at a distance of 50 feet." Additionally, the simultaneous use of multiple leaf blowers that are compliant with the 70 bDA limit can create noise of a sufficient level to qualify as a violation and/or noise disturbance.

If a blower seems loud, it may be in violation. Residents are encouraged to report blowers that are suspected to be in violation to the Village Communications Center to allow staff to follow-up with the contractor and property owner. First time confirmed violators will receive a warning and guidance for operating legally.

Residents are responsible for discussing these restrictions with your yard maintenance crews before they begin working this fall. Now is the time to prepare and begin the transition to electric blowers as you and your landscaper prepare for the upcoming leaf season.

To view the county's leaf blower notice, visit: <https://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov/Archive.aspx?ADID=912>. To review the Montgomery County Noise Ordinance and the provisions pertaining to leaf blowers (Section 31B-9), visit: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep/resources/files/downloads/compliance/noise-control-ordinance.pdf>.

DRY WELLS & THEIR MAINTENANCE

If you have dry wells (underground receptacles for stormwater runoff) on your property as part of a stormwater management system, it's important to know that these underground retention pits require ongoing maintenance—"out of sight" should not be "out of mind"! Debris from gutters (leaf litter and such) can cause clogging of the gravel retention area, and even above ground, it is important not to block the overflow cap or to build on top of the drywell.

If you notice that the area around your dry well is soggy, or worse, if the overflow cap seems to activate at the least amount of rain, then it probably means your system is due for a cleaning. Generally, every three to five years the gravel containment area needs to be flushed out, to eliminate sediment and debris that can hamper performance. This process is often referred to as "refreshing" the dry well. If this maintenance is neglected, the well will not function and you will experience adverse impacts to your yard and possibly to your basement.

Check with the company that installed the system, or if it was in place when you purchased your home, many landscape companies can perform this service. Keeping your dry wells in good condition will go a long way to improving the stormwater management conditions in your yard. Visit the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's website at https://www.cbf.org/document-library/presentation-webinar-materials/CBF_Dry_Well_011614.pdf for information on dry wells and their maintenance, as well as the Montgomery County website at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/Resources/Files/PostersPamphlets/dry-wells.pdf> for information on dry wells in general, their sizing and location.

NOTE: Installation of a dry well on your property requires a Chevy Chase Village Building Permit. Contact the Village's Permitting & Code Enforcement Coordinator Ms. Lora Reynaud at ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov for assistance.

BOARD ACTIONS:

JULY 12, 2021 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

June 14, 2021 Executive Session - *approved*

June 14, 2021 Regular Meeting - *approved*

Matters Presented for Board Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Adoption

Purchase Authorization Request: Two fully-outfitted 2021 Ford AWD Police Interceptor Utility vehicles (police cruisers) with a hybrid powertrain under State of Maryland contract # 001B1600353 in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.- *approved*

Resolution No. 07-01-21: An Ordinance to declare June 19 as Juneteenth National Independence Day and to amend Chapter 3, "Personnel Code", by repealing and reenacting Sec. 3-1, "Holidays", to include Juneteenth National Independence Day as a designated holiday for Village employees. - *approved* (See the article on page 2 of this issue of the *Crier* for additional information.)

Briefing Regarding Cable Off-Set Against Franchise Fees: Updates on Eugene v. FCC, Section 621 in-kind appeal case and Board consideration and possible action to authorize rejoining a coalition of local governments in further legal action regarding cable off-set against franchise fees (in the amount of \$1,000). - *The Board authorized the Village Manager to enter the Village as a participant in a coalition of local governments to petition for a rehearing en banc review in the Sixth Circuit and further action at the Federal Communications Commission to provide guidance to protect franchising benefits to address the 621 Order as interpreted by the Sixth Circuit, and to authorize payment of a retainer fee in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for this effort.*

Commission and Committee Matters

Board Appointment of Liaisons to the Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights (External Committee):

Louis Morsberger, Village Board Member and Linda Willard, Village Board Assistant Secretary. - *approved*

Election Supervisors: Board reappointment of Nancy Wilkinson (Park St.) as a member for a 4-year term - *approved*

Board Appointment of Chairs/Co-Chairs to Village Committees (2-Year Terms; all shown are reappointments)-all approved

- **Committee for Seniors:** Betty O'Connor (Grafton Street)
- **Environment & Energy Committee:** Marea Hatzios Grant (W. Irving St.)
- **Parks & Greenspaces:** Susan Kilborn, Co-Chair (Oliver St.) and Margo Kingston, Co-Chair (Hesketh St.)
- **Public Safety:** Saul Goodman (Cedar Parkway)

This is a synopsis of the Board's actions. To view an archive of the approved minutes, or to listen to audio recordings of the most recent Board Meetings, please visit the Village website: www.chevychasevillagemd.gov by clicking on "Board of Managers Meetings" under the header "Quick Links" on the homepage.

Next Regular Board of Managers' Meeting: Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

NOTE: This meeting will be held virtually with members of the Board of Managers, staff and the public participating by phone or video. Access information for this meeting will be posted to the Village website and included in the weekly blast email on September 10.

MVA ON WHEELS RETURNS TO FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

After being parked for many months during the state's COVID-19 emergency, the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's (MVA) Mobile Bus is returning to Friendship Heights, **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**.

Customers can complete the following services at the MDOT MVA Mobile Bus:

- Obtain a renewal/duplicate/corrected Maryland driver's license, commercial driver's license, or identification card;
- Obtain a copy of a certified driving record;
- Register to vote and as an organ donor.

To ensure the health and safety of customers and staff, a limit of three customers will be served inside the bus at any given time. Appointments can be made through MDOT MVA's Central Scheduling System at:

<https://license.mva.maryland.gov/CheckList/default.aspx>

THE POLICE BEAT

E-mail Police Chief John M. Fitzgerald: john.m.fitzgerald@montgomerycountymd.gov

RECENT ARMED ROBBERIES HAVE MADE US ANXIOUS - *WHAT ARE THE POLICE DOING, AND WHAT SHOULD RESIDENTS DO?*

In the early morning hours of July 4, two young men, one armed with a handgun, confronted two women on Hesketh Street and stole property from one of them. On July 18 at about 6:40 a.m., a lone middle-aged man walked up to a woman taking a morning walk on Western Avenue in DC, displayed a gun that was in his waistband, and took the woman's purse. Detectives have determined that these events are not related. These crimes are (thankfully) rare and unusual here, and they have us understandably concerned.

County Police detectives are investigating the Hesketh Street robbery, and DC Police are following up on that crime. Village Police are in regular contact with the assigned detectives, and we are hopeful that they can solve these crimes and make an arrest. If they are successful, we will announce the news right away. County and DC police are talking to each other and sharing information to make sure they improve the chances of identifying and charging the suspects.

Below are some security tips that will improve your safety and help the police prevent and respond to criminal activity in the Village:

- Install security cameras outside your home. They will give you peace of mind, and they are invaluable in police investigations.
- Be vigilant, and call Village Police and report any person or vehicle in the area that arouses your suspicions. Village officers will respond promptly and investigate.
- Call 9-1-1 immediately if you see a crime in progress and for any emergency.
- Walk in pairs or groups whenever practical. This doesn't guarantee your safety, but it improves the chances that you will not be confronted.
- If you feel uneasy or unsafe, trust that instinct; turn around and go the other way, pull out your phone and prepare to call for assistance, and/or go to a public place.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS & CHILDREN



It's that time of year; summer break has ended and children are headed back for another year of school. In order to ensure your child's safety, please remember the following important safety tips:

- Don't drive distracted. Put aside the electronic devices and fully focus on driving. Reading or sending any communication with your smart phone—even while stopped—is very dangerous and will earn you a citation.
- Don't drive distracted. Five seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while reading or sending a text. When traveling at 55mph, that's equivalent to driving the length of a football field—blindfolded. (www.distraction.gov)
- Don't drive distracted. Don't let anything divert your attention and scan the road ahead for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Failure to stop for a stopped school bus with flashing red lights carries a \$570 fine and three points. Village officers will be increasing patrol of school bus stops to catch violators.
- If you witness an unsafe driver in the Village, note the tag number and report it to the Village Police Department.

PLEASE LOCK YOUR VEHICLES

The vast majority of our thefts are those from unlocked cars. We make it far too easy (and inviting) for thieves when we leave our cars unlocked. The Village Police Department urges you to lock your car doors every time you park and remove all valuables from your car. Please do your civic duty and reduce the opportunities for thieves by locking up! Thank you!

OUR KEY PROGRAM ONLY WORKS IF WE HAVE YOUR KEY!

If you have not already done so, please return your house key in case you or a family member gets locked out and so the Village Police can access your home in an emergency.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED: JULY AND AUGUST 2021

100 Grafton Street - Replace 6' high wood fence
5512 Center Street – Replace two air conditioners
121 Grafton Street – Install new fencing, expand rear patio, relocate two air conditioners
9 West Kirke Street - Construct new house, detached garage, at-grade features
11 East Kirke Street - Portable Storage Unit in driveway
5801 Kirkside Drive - Portable Storage Unit in driveway
4 Oxford Street - Install patio in rear yard
5609 Grove Street - Replace fencing in the rear yard
9 Primrose Street - Construct expanded patio in rear yard
4 West Melrose Street - Construct walkway in rear, side yard
5605 Center Street - Replace driveway
5510 Montgomery Street - Construct second floor over garage
5603 Kirkside Drive - Replace AC in the rear yard
16 Hesketh Street - Replace AC in the side yard
5609 Grove Street - Install new patio in the rear yard
5609 Grove Street - Install two ac units in the rear yard
2 Primrose Street – Install trees in the Connecticut Ave. ROW
6 E. Melrose St. – Install plantings in ROW; replace driveway
3931 Oliver Street – Construct a new patio in the rear yard
37 Quincy Street- Relocate a section of 4' high fencing in the Brookville Road front yard

RESIDENTS INVITED TO THE MANY HANDS KICK-OFF MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 AT 5:30 P.M.

Many Hands is a local grant-making organization dedicated to making a lasting impact on the lives of Washington, DC area women, children, and families in need, while helping its members become well-informed donors. Since 2004, Many Hands has granted \$1.6 million to local nonprofit organizations.

Please contact Village resident and Many Hands board member Elizabeth Bausch at eliz.bausch@gmail.com for more information. All Village women are encouraged to attend this event. Together we make a difference!

www.manyhandsdc.org

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY PRESENTS THE HISTORY OF TANGO SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 4-6 PM



The Italian Cultural Society is pleased to introduce you to Marcelo Gutierrez, in a special event that presents an overview of the art form of tango from its inception to its ties with the immigrants and their music, and in particular with the Italians who settled in Argentina. Please join us for his informative presentation and masterful performance, followed by light refreshments on the Village lawn.

To help us plan refreshments, please RSVP by calling 301-215-7885 or visiting: www.italianculturalsociety.org/events

Note: Attendees must wear face masks inside the Village Hall.

JOIN THE VILLAGE LISTSERV

CCVillage@Groups.io is the community mailing list for residents of Chevy Chase Village. To join, visit <https://groups.io/g/CCVillage> and click on the blue “+ Join This Group” button. Once enrolled, the email address to submit messages to the mailing list is ccvillage@groups.io.

The CCVillage information website is at <http://CCVillage.info>. For assistance, contact moderator and Village resident Tim Slagle at ccvillage+owner@groups.io.

THE SENIOR CORNER: CHEVY CHASE@HOME, AN AGING IN PLACE VILLAGE

Chevy Chase@Home is a group of neighbors helping neighbors. Through volunteer support, CC@H offers a rich program of affinity groups, continuing education, socialization, and exercise--all currently via Zoom.

Please consider whether you, a family member, a friend or neighbor might benefit from the help and sense of community that Chevy Chase@Home can provide. We welcome members and volunteers.

Visit <https://www.chevyCHASEathome.org/> for more information and applications.

VILLAGE TEENS

Village teens are available for a variety of services. Please email the Village office at ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov to add a teen to the list and to make changes.

List available in the print version that is mailed to residents.

JOIN THE CREW; THE COMPOST CREW

Food-waste recycling--otherwise known as “composting”--is a great way to reduce your carbon footprint and greenhouse emissions while returning nutrients to our soil and food system. The Village has partnered with The Compost Crew to provide low-cost household collection of food-waste.

The Compost Crew provides each household with an airtight bin and compostable bags. Residents separate organic waste and leave the bin by their trash/recycling for collection on the designated day for weekly pick-up. The collected waste is processed at a composting facility in Maryland. After six months of service, households can request that a portion of their contributed waste be returned in the form of rich, finished nutrient-rich soil.

For more information including current rates, visit the “Food Waste Recycling Program” page on the Village website under Quick Links on the homepage. The more households that participate ,the cheaper the service is for all, so sign up today!

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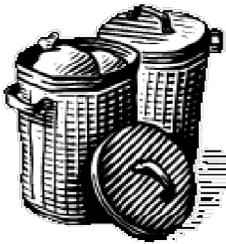
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TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION; SPECIAL PICK-UPS



Resident input regarding the contracted services for trash and recycling collection is an important factor during the evaluation of these services. Please contact the Village office to provide your feedback.

The Village provides rear door collection of refuse and recycling as a convenience to our residents. Please leave your gates unlocked to allow access to your receptacles and remember to contact the Communications Center if either your refuse or recycling were not collected.

Special Pickups of bulk items are collected on Wednesdays. Requests must be submitted either by phone or through the Village website by 2:00 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure collection.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING

Week of Labor Day: September 6 - 11, 2021

IF YOUR NORMAL COLLECTION DAY IS...	YOUR COLLECTION DAY WILL BE...
Monday (Labor Day-9/6)	Tuesday (9/7)
Tuesday	Wednesday (9/8)
Wednesday	Thursday (9/9)
Thursday	Friday (9/10)
Friday	Saturday (9/11)

HOLIDAY CLOSING - LABOR DAY

The Administrative office and Public Works Department will be **closed** on **Monday, September 6** in observance of Labor Day. The Communications Center and Police Department remain staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.